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FOR EUR BARBOUR FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR PO
SUBJECT: AZORES BASE NEGOTIATIONS

REF: BARBOUR/OKUN TELECON, SEPT 1, 1977

1. YOUR VERY HELPFUL LETTER OF AUG 18 CLARIFIES WASHINGTON
THINKING ON A NUMBER OF POINTS. WITH THE CABLE DISCUSSED
IN REFTELECON IN HAND WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO MOVE DISCUSSIONS
FORWARD WITH VILLAS BOAS AND MEDEIROS FERREIRA. BOTH HAVE TOLD
ME THE PATTERSON PAPER WAS HELPFUL. IN THE MEANTIME, TO MEET THE
SECRETARY'S COMMITMENT TO SENATOR INOUE I SUGGEST A LETTER FROM
MEDEIROS FERREIRA TO THE SECRETARY AS FOLLOWS:

"DEAR MR SECRETARY:

"I WISH TO CONFIRM TO YOU THE INTENTION OF MY GOVERNMENT
TO CONCLUDE AT AN EARLY DATE THE NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING
THE CONTINUED USE BY THE UNITED STATES OF THE FACILITIES
OF LAJES AIR FORCE BASE IN THE AZORES.

"THE GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL POSES NO OBSTACLE TO
THE CONTINUED USE OF THIS BASE IN THE FUTURE ON THE SAME
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BASIS THAT IT HAS BEEN USED IN THE PAST. WE ENVISAGE
THAT THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BY AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS
EXTENDING THE 1951 AGREEMENT.

"AT THE TIME THESE LETTERS ARE EXCHANGED IT IS
ANTICIPATED THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL AGREE TO PROVIDE
CERTAIN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE WHICH WILL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY

IN THE AZORES. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WOULD ALSO AGREE TO PROVIDE CERTAIN ASSISTANCE TO THE PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES. BOTH CATEGORIES OF ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING THE AMOUNTS AND FORM, ARE THE SUBJECT OF ONGOING INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THESE DISCUSSIONS WILL BE CONCLUDED EXPEDITIOUSLY."

2. WE ARE NOT WEDDED TO EITHER THE WORDING OF THE LETTER OR THIS APPROACH. AN ALTERNATIVE, WHICH MIGHT BE MORE ATTRACTIVE FROM THE PORTUGUESE STANDPOINT, WOULD BE A JOINT COMMUNIQUE OR AGREED-MINUTE ISSUED FOLLOWING A VANCE-MEDEIROS FERREIRA MEETING IN NEW YORK.

3. PLEASE LET ME KNOW YOUR REACTION TO SUGGESTED APPROACHES AND COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED TEXT. IF YOU AGREE I WILL DISCUSS IT WITH VILLAS BOAS.
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